



The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation congratulates the Lakeshore Lancer Marching Band on winning the Michigan Competing Band Association (M.C.B.A.) Flight III State Championship!

mission

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Lakeshore Marching Band

Wins the M.C.B.A. Flight III State Championship!



The Lakeshore High School Marching Band wins with a performance based on the film *He Named Me Malala*.

Thanks to a Lakeshore Excellence Foundation grant, Lakeshore High School band members, prop crew, and staff attended a special one-time showing (on November 2, 2015) of the film *He Named Me Malala*. The film is about Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Malala Yousafzai, whose fight for education for girls worldwide inspired the band's theme and selection of music this year.



Lakeshore Marching Band



Lori VonKoenig and Phil & Cindy Huff

"I like to choose themes that are meaningful and touch the lives of my students beyond the music and drill aspect of marching band. At Lakeshore, the arts teachers try to use the arts to teach citizenship and lessons for and about life. We use our musical opportunities to share important life lessons. Sometimes it is historical and sometimes it is a character-building theme. We strive to always bring the best of ourselves to our students and our community." -- Lori VonKoenig, Band Director

A Report to our Investors & the Community

We feel that we are making progress. However, Lakeshore Public Schools continues to face the ongoing challenge of managing budgets while in the lower 25% of funding per student in the State of Michigan. Your financial support, either in existence now or being considered for the future, is greatly appreciated and is making a difference in our schools. -- J.C. Anderson Chairperson, LEF

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For the last three years, we have been

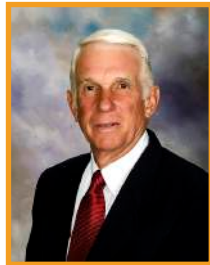
able to exceed the \$350,000 targeted net contribution to Lakeshore Public Schools.

- Our Lancer Leader targeted fundraising effort has been generously supported by local businesses and private donors.
- The annual LEF golf outing has been a consistent fundraiser for the past 13 years.
- Earlier this year we were given the opportunity to have a large scale fundraiser when Navy SEAL Robert O'Neill spoke at the Mendel Center to almost 1,000 attendees.

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We are finishing our largest project ever ... a \$600,000 transformation of our Media Centers to 21st Century Learning Centers.

We now are in the process of evaluating what the next large project should be to benefit Lakeshore students.



J.C. Anderson
LEF Chairman

In September 2012, I was asked to become the Chairperson of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation. After obtaining a full size Board, we had a strategic planning session in March 2013 to establish our Guiding Operating Principles. These are very simply what we are striving to accomplish as the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation.

5 Guiding Operational Principles

DEVELOPED MARCH 2013

1. \$350,000 net "contribution" to Lakeshore Public Schools annually ... from a plateaued \$210,00-\$215,000
✓ Accomplished 2013, 2014, 2015
2. Exciting and impactful programs/projects leading to donor support
✓ 21st Century Learning Centers at \$600,000
✓ Evaluating "Next Big Project"
3. Completely engaged Board members serving on one of three key committees
✓ Great Volunteer Board (23)
✓ 5 New Members
4. Great reputation with students, alumni, teachers, and community leading to financial support
✓ In process ... working hard
5. People wanting to be part of LEF
✓ In process ... people receptive

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It appears that people are becoming interest-

ed in being part of the LEF because of the work being done.

The recruitment of our five newest Board members was our most efficient in the past three years.

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A great reputation must be earned every step

of the way. We have made strides with students, teachers, and the community.

Lakeshore alumni, however, is an opportunity for the LEF. We believe that the high school graduate can be the most passionate vocal and financial supporter of their school. We continue to seek methods for establishing contacts with each class of LPS graduates.

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We have a fully engaged, very active, and supportive Board.

This is a positive and unique situation with an all volunteer (i.e. no pay!) Board. They are passionate

about improving the educational opportunities for the students.

Art Around Town

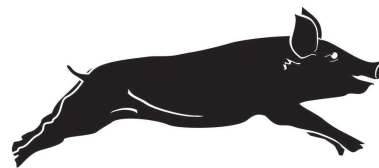


The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation has sponsored Art Around Town since 2006.

The project features Lakeshore student artwork and offers it for lease to area businesses. LEF sponsors professional framing and seeks local businesses to “lease” productions for the year. All donations for the lease help cover framing costs and support future LEF programs. At the end of the lease, the framed artwork is returned to students.



Community volunteer Jeanne Simpson has coordinated Art Around Town for over 10 years and continues to pour enthusiasm and professionalism into the project.



Pulled Pork Dinner Oh So Good!

Lakeshore Rotary and Lakeshore Excellence Foundation partnered again this year to serve Charlie's Piggin' N' Grinnin' pulled pork dinner before the Homecoming game against Battle Creek Lakeview. Piggin' N' Grinnin' offers up original family recipes slow smoked to perfection. Like Charlie often says, “From the South to your Mouth.” This fundraiser is always a pleaser offering great meals for a great cause. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.

Art Around Town

Thank you to the businesses that have leased student artwork.

If you would like to participate in this fundraiser, we have beautiful creations available for leasing. Support our budding young artists while contributing to LEF and learning more about Art Around Town. Please contact LEF Board Member Naomi Ventura at mnventura3@msn.com for more information.



Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund is our long-term strategy to funding the LEF mission of learning for generations to come. Annually the LEF Board evaluates the health of the Fund, makes contributions based on giving and project needs, and reinvests the earned interest. If you are interested in learning more about the Endowment Fund, please contact J.C. Anderson at 269.921.2513 or email at anderjcna@gmail.com.

Fall Grants & Grant Reception

The LEF Grant Reception was held October 29 to showcase the great things that the Lakeshore teachers and students have been able to experience with the LEF grants they were awarded during the 2014-2015 school year.

Grant Presentations

Val Car/Cami Ashley – Innovation
Adam Carr – Staff Professional Development
Leo Carmondy – Stepping Stones
Erin Lafrenz – Stepping Stones
Jackson Blough – Stepping Stones
Morgan Shewmaker – Stepping Stones
Kathryn Woodward – Stepping Stones
Rebecca DePumpo – Stepping Stones
Jaxson Lybbert – Stepping Stones
Taylor Stilwell – Stepping Stones
Cassie King – Foundation Project
Jillian Crocket – Staff Professional Development
Lori VonKoenig – Innovation
Lori Kuntz – Foundation Project
Suzie Onken – Innovation
Angie Johnson – Staff Professional Development
Nancy Hourigan - Staff Professional Development
Jon Woodard/Brad Smith – Foundation Project
Amy Deloria – Innovation
Katie Rohwer – Foundation Project
Allison Meyer – Foundation Project



Jon Woodard -
FIRST Robotics



Kathryn Woodward - Young Authors Conference

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as the
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Reading
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**Transforming Lives
Through Literacy**



**International Literacy Association
2015 Conference & Exhibits**
St. Louis, MO | July 18-20, 2015

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Angie Johnson –
ILA Conference

Fall Grants & Grant Reception



Suzie Onken - Learning Ally



Erin Lafrenz - Michigan Math & Science Scholars at UofM



Katie Rohwer - White Christmas Musical



Allison Meyer - Bikes/ride-ons, helmets & storage shed

LEF Grant Facilitators

Sandy Welch

– Staff Professional Development Grants

Lori Marciniak – Stepping Stones

Julia Pechtel – Innovation Grants

Kim McAllister – Foundation Project Grants

21st Century Learning Centers Timeline and Architectural Concepts

Libraries/Media Centers **TRANSFORMATION** 21st Century Learning Centers



In June 2014, LEF announced a \$600,000 school library transformation project. The five Lakeshore Public School Library/Media Centers will be reinvented into **21st Century Learning Centers**.

LEF worked with School Administration and the Board of Education to ensure that this project is a critical and necessary element for the enhanced education of Lakeshore students.

Three major components of the project:

1. Redefining available space
2. Purchasing of updated technologies for access, production, and presentation
3. Furniture that provides flexible options within defined spaces

For additional details and to contribute to the 21st Century Learning Centers project, please visit our website at LEFonline.org.



21st Century Learning Centers Timeline & Investment

ACTION	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL	ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (3)
Construction	Current	Current	Summer 2016
100% Usable	December 2015	February 2016	September 2016
Investment	\$126,000	\$240,000	\$234,000
\$600,000 Investment			

21st Century Learning Centers will bring the libraries/media centers in each of the five Lakeshore Public Schools into the 21st century to prepare our students for college and their future careers where collaboration will be a key to success.

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21st Century Learning Centers CONTRIBUTION FORM



☐ Check here if this is an anonymous contribution.

Name of Contributor(s): _____

Address/City/State: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Work): _____
Phone (Cell): _____ Email: _____

Are you a Lakeshore graduate? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If YES, what year did you graduate? _____

Will your employer match this contribution?

☐ YES ☐ NO

My contribution amount: \$ _____

Optional:

My gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Address/City/State: _____

Please make checks payable to Lakeshore Excellence Foundation.
Send form and contribution to:

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

5771 Cleveland Avenue, Stevensville, MI 49127

LEF is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization.

Your contributions to LEF are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.



Lancer Leaders' Reception

Lancer Leaders get first look at 21st Century Learning Center at Lakeshore High School

LEF Chairman J.C. Anderson welcomed our Lancer Leaders to a major donor reception at Lakeshore High School. Superintendent Phil Freeman followed with an update on the \$36 Million Bond Project and 21st Century Learning Centers. After a wonderful meal catered by Classic Catering, the evening concluded with a tour of the newly renovated high school.

Allen, Dr. Jim & Michele
Anderson, J.C. & Nancy
Armes, Roy & Marcia
Austin, Tom & Sharon
Bancroft, Bill & Joy
Bauchet, Eric & Sophie
Beaufils, Ludovic & Marie
Beckrow, Dr. Jason & Kate
Berry, Scott & Angela
Bettich, Randy & Trish
Binkley, David & Michele
Bitzer, Dr. Marc & Anja
Boelcke Heating & A/C
Brockway, Anne & David
Campbell, Dr. Gary & Karen
Catch the Dream Foundation
- David Whitwam
Chemical Bank
Choe, Mark & Carole
Deja, Chad & Lori
Dosch, Ann
Dubbert, Stan & Joni
Elliott, David & Andrea
Fifth Third Bank
Florian, Jim & Patti
Freeman, Philip & Marie
Gianni, Christian & Christine
Gordon Food Service
Hanson Foundation
- Greg & Connie Hanson
Hanson, Merlin & Carolyn
Harrison, Dr. Bob and Janine
Honor Credit Union
Huggett, Larry & Laura
Jackson, Steve & Laura
Jim Roberts Enterprises, LLC
Keppler, James & Chantel

Korfmacher, Loren & Marni
Lakeshore Rotary
Latini, Leo & Peggy
LeValley Chevrolet Buick GMC Truck
Mantei, Erica
Mantei, Matt
Marohn, Bill & Jane
Marohn, Dr. John & Susan
Martin's Supermarket
Miller, Christopher & Joni
Nelson Specialties Company
Peters, Jim & Heidi
Professional Hearing Services
- Dr. Gyl Kasewurm
Rossow, Peter & Jamie
Schultz, Judy
Sensational Spas
- Brian & Jackie VanHorn
Stauffer, Dick
Stephens, Stacey
Stocker, Beat & Linda
Stockman, Jennifer & David
Trivedi, Neil & Kirsten
Tyler, Chris & Shanna
United Federal Credit Union
Upton, Stephen & Elizabeth
Urban, Gil
Vigansky, Jerry & Trish
Warren, Carl & Sharon
Weber, Larry & Kris
Welch, Frederick A. & Sandra M.
Welch, John & Joy
Welch, Mike & Lisa
Whirlpool Corporation
White, Warren & Marcy
Whitehead, Pete & Kathryn
Whitwam, Mark & Mary



Welcome to the Board

Jim Roberts



Jim Roberts

Jim is the CEO of Jim Roberts Enterprises LLC, a management consulting company, and Jim Roberts – Centennial Securities Advisory Services LLC, an investment advisory company. He received an Engineering degree from University of Michigan and was honored by Michigan State as a distinguished alumnus in the Executive MBA program.

Jim is currently serving on the Boards for Michigan Minority Supplier Diversity Council; the West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; the Cornerstone Alliance Woman's Business Center; and Michigan Junior Achievement. He served on the Boards for the MSU Weekend MBA Alumni Association; the U of M Engineering Alumni Association; the Benton Harbor/St. Joseph Rotary Club; and the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention and Visitors Bureau – Multicultural Advisory Council. LEF is pleased to have Jim serving on the Fund Development Committee.

Phil Molloy



Phil Molloy

Phil works for Whirlpool as a Product Quality Director. He is an Engineering graduate of the University of Notre Dame and completed his MBA at Ashland University. Phil's interest in LEF stems from his desire to help the Lakeshore school system and students realize their full potential. He believes LEF is an established and effective organization with a track record of making a difference. Phil's previous Board experience includes Marion Goodwill Board of Directors and Palace Theater Board of Directors. Youth development experience includes many years of coaching Little League baseball, music instruction, and supporting church youth activities. Phil and his wife, Melissa, have lived in Stevensville since 2007 with their children (Nick, Anna, and Lydia). Phil enjoys spending time with family, exercising, playing drums, attending Lakeshore athletic and music events, watching ND sports, and teaching drums at ISM in Benton Harbor.

Lisa McDowell



Lisa McDowell

Moving to the area in 2006 meant finding a new school district for the McDowell family. Lakeshore's math and science prospects and active band program made the choice clear! Lisa has enjoyed serving the district as Band Parent Organization President, Vice President, and Co-Chair of several BPO committees, as well as band camp

and trip chaperone. She assisted with costuming for various musical presentations, and co-mentored an Odyssey of the Mind team. A graduate of Indiana University with degrees in dental hygiene and elementary education, her employment experiences include hygienist, educator, published author, private tutor, and even a stint as a Mad Scientist for MS of Northern Indiana. She and her husband John have two children, Dana and Sean, both Lakeshore grads. Lisa's hobbies include caring for her canine pals, reading, and crafting.

Sophie Bauchet



Sophie Bauchet

Sophie was born and raised in Paris, France and moved to the United States to attend business school at Indiana University. She and her husband, Eric, came to this area in 1994 when he began working at Whirlpool. The Bauchets have two children: Stephanie at Michigan Tech and Maxim at Lakeshore High School. For the last 20 years, Sophie has been an active volunteer in several different areas including Lakeland Hospital, the YMCA, Stewart PTO, Lakeshore Middle School PTO, and the Lakeshore Band, while staying at home with her children. For fun, she loves attending any of her kids' extra curricular activities, traveling, reading, and being by (or on) the water.

LEF Grant Information

STEPPING STONES

Application Deadline:
April 15, 2016

QUESTIONS:

Lori Marciniak
Ph. (269) 208-2154
marciniak5@comcast.net
Application available at
LEFonline.org

- The Stepping Stones Grant provides financial assistance to Lakeshore students who pursue their interests, whether it is band, academics, language skills, athletics, etc.
- Stepping Stones has approved assistance for programs such as Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Chinese Language classes, Nike Golf Camp, Children's Music Workshop, and many more!
- Grades and family economics are NOT a factor in approving the application. This LEF funded program is open to ALL Lakeshore students, from kindergarten to high school seniors.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Deadline: May 1, 2016

QUESTIONS:

Sandy Welch
Ph. (269) 313-7401
sandywelch@truevine.net
Application available at
LEFonline.org

- This grant may be used for a Professional Development opportunity, i.e.: conference, seminar, continuing education college courses, etc. for LPS employees.
- The grant may only be used

FOUNDATION PROJECT

Application Deadline:
April 15, 2016

QUESTIONS:

Kim McAllister
Ph. (269) 408-1509
kdmcall@yahoo.com
Application available at
LEFonline.org

- The Project Grant is typically a request with a completion cost of more than \$2500.
- The proposal may take up to three years to fully implement.
- The proposal should be creative, innovative, and supportive of the LEF mission statement. It should be an idea that the district endorses, but cannot fund — this grant is an opportunity to think BIG!
- The proposal should impact a large constituency of Lakeshore students, staff, and/or community.

for the cost of registration and fees.

- Please note: meals, travel, and hotel expenses will not be covered by the grant.
- If a substitute teacher is needed to cover your class(es) in your absence, the cost of \$100/day must be included in the grant.
- The grant request amount may not exceed \$750.
- The Professional Development opportunity should be something that the Lakeshore School District would not be able to provide.

LAKESHORE INNOVATION

Application Deadline:
May 10, 2016

QUESTIONS:

Julia Pechtel
Ph. (269) 556-1654
jpechtel@sbcglobal.net
Application available at
LEFonline.org

- The Innovation Grant is typically a request with a completion cost of up to \$2500.
- The proposal is to be completed within the following school year.
- The proposal should be creative, innovative, and supportive of the LEF mission statement. It should be an idea that the district endorses, but cannot fund within its current fiscal budget. Please think "INNOVATION" when considering your application idea.
- The grant proposal should offer a quality educational experience/ opportunity for Lakeshore students, staff, and/or community.

Mark Your Calendars

Plan ahead for the 14th Annual LEF Lakeshore Scramble to be held on June 20, 2016 at Harbor Shores Golf Club. This event offers a great day of golf and is a major fundraiser for LEF.

